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26 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence *RHS*
SUBJECT : Organizational Change

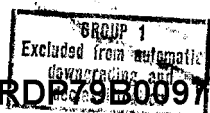
1. The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval of an organizational realignment which I believe will contribute to the more efficient functioning of the Office of Strategic Research.

2. When OSR was formed, we elected to place responsibility for both current reporting and research in depth on certain non-Communist countries in a single branch (the General Branch of Regional Analysis Division). The General Branch is the only production unit which combines the two major aspects of OSR's production responsibilities. Otherwise, the OSR concept of organization has kept the current reporting and research functions separate at the production unit level.

3. I find that, over the past several months, the pressures of current reporting have cut heavily into the ongoing research of the General Branch. Continuation of this trend will degrade the ability of the Branch to perform essential research on the advanced weapons capabilities of a number of Free World States, including the preparation of contributions to such National Estimates as those on proliferation of nuclear weapons and delivery systems.

4. I propose to divide the General Branch along the same current-research line that applies to the rest of OSR. A General Branch, with four professional positions will remain in Regional Analysis Division to report on current developments in non-Communist countries. A new branch, to be called the Free World Branch, with five professional positions, will be established in the Strategic


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Forces Division to perform research in depth on the advanced weapons systems of the strategically significant Free World countries. No personnel resources beyond those now approved for OSR for FY 1969 will be required to implement this proposal.

5. If you approve, I would propose to make the change effective 1 July 1968.


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Recommendation is approved:


Deputy Director for Intelligence

29 April 1968
Date

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